

CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday October 15, 2019

TSO Conference Room- 5:45 p.m.

Minutes

Joy Greenstein called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.

Present: Rosa Fernandes and Joy Greenstein BOE subcommittee members

Marc Balanda, Brookfield High School Principal; Debbie Farias, Director of Instruction; Maureen Ruby, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Balanda provided the committee with an update on the Connecticut State Department of Education revised graduation requirements. He explained the concept of “multiple pathways” as addressed in the new legislations and the focus on “Humanities” and “STEM.” Additionally, Mr. Balanda discussed the Mastery-based Diploma requirement for graduation and the potential impact on scheduling at the high school. This discussion was intended to be a preliminary discussion to set a foundation for future work and Board decisions regarding these topics.

Deb Farias, Director of Instructor provided an update on the progress towards the initial distribution of the K-4 standards aligned report card for ELA and Mathematics. Teachers at Center and Huckleberry are continuing their work on the standards aligned curriculum, inclusive of 2.0 and 3.0 items aligned to the Connecticut Core Standards for math and ELA in grades K-4. The parent handbook, inclusive of embedded videos and resources, as well as an informative narrated PowerPoint are in the final stages of revision. Teachers’ capacity with the used of the reporting system continues to be built. Finally, planning for parent information sessions is underway.

Dr. Ruby provided an update on Word of the Week program. She met with Marie Miszewski from the Chamber of Commerce to invite Chamber members to participate. Ms. Miszewski met with the Chamber Board and the Board was in support of the partnership.

Dr. Ruby gave an update on the preschool curriculum pilot. The preschool faculty, after reviewing curricula has selected World of Wonders to pilot. CAPE member saw a video presentation on the curriculum. McGraw Hill will provide the pilot to our preschool free of charge, including all materials and professional development. Teachers will receive materials after the CAPE subcommittee shares their recommendation with the Board on November 6. <https://www.mheducation.com/prek-12/program/microsites/MKTSP-BGA07M0/world-of-wonders.html>

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Ruby, Ph.D.

Assistant Superintendent